[Mr. A. Hoogewerf.]

(*b*) If so, when, and how many shares have been purchased?

(*c*) What is the total investment on the shares?

(*d*) What rate of interest have the Government been receiving annually till now after they purchased the shares?

(*e*) What amounts have been received annually by way of interest?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 30 debentures each of the face value of Bh. Rs. 1,500 were purchased in the year 1915.

(*c*) Bh. Rs. 45,000.

(*d*) The Government have been receiving interest on the above investment at 3½ per cent. per annum.

(*e*) A sum of Bh. Rs. 1,575 is being recovered every year in two half-yearly instalments from the company by way of interest.

Nominal Reductions in the Budget for 1100.

120. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken or propose to take in respect of the following motions for nominal reduction passed by the Council during the budget discussion last year:—

(1) reduction of Rs. 100 in the amount allotted for the pay of the establishment of the Inspector of English Schools;

(2) reduction in respect of the grant for the High Court establishment;

(3) reduction in regard to the grant for the establishment of the Devicolam First Class Magistrate; and

(4) reduction in respect of the grant for the establishment of Assistant Superintendents of Police?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): All the reductions were accepted by the Government and the necessary alterations have been made in the Final Edition of the Budget. *Vide* G. O. No. Fl. 1511, dated the 15th October, 1924, accompanying the budget estimate. The establishments attached to the offices of the Assistant to the Commissioner, Devicolam, and of the Assistant Superintendents of Police were disbanded after the budget was finally issued.

Board of Examiners for 1924-25.

121. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any one from the College of Arts on the Board of Examiners to conduct examinations for the school year 1924-25?

(*b*) How many members are there on the Board from the College of Science?

(*c*) Who represent History and English on the Board?

(*d*) How many Christians are there on the Board?

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MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) None.

(*b*) Three.

(*c*) English is represented by Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan and Miss M. I. Rosemeyer. History is represented by Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan.

(*d*) Three.

Vacancies of Sirkar Vakils' Places.

122. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are Additional and Assistant Head Sirkar Vakils' places remaining unfilled by any permanent arrangements?

(*b*) If so, how many, and how long have they been remaining so?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The place of the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil was temporarily vacant from the 3rd January 1925 to the 25th January 1925, when Mr. Subba Aiyar was recalled to duty in connection with the present meeting of the Legislative Council. The post of an Assistant Head Sirkar Vakil has been permanently vacant since the 22nd December, 1924. This post has not yet been filled up.

Press Extracts placed before the Dewan.

123. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) With regard to the Press extracts placed before the Dewan, what is the principle followed in selecting the several articles for translation?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table any two of such weekly collections?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Articles considered important are translated and placed before the Government.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Assignment of Swampy Areas within Reserved Forests.

124. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to sell all the swampy areas within reserved forests in small blocks for paddy cultivation?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The order of Government is that the lands disafforested from the reserved forests should be sold by public auction as a general rule. Blocks decided to be sold in public auction will generally be sold in small blocks.

Recommendations of Disafforestation Committees.

125. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): (*a*) Have the Government disallowed the registry of any of the swampy areas proposed for registry by the several Disafforestation Committees?

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